GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Foreign Assistance for Multipurpose Projects
Devi Smt. Rama

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any negotiations with Nepal regarding multipurpose projects on the rivers Sharda, Koshi and Rapti;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of meetings held during the last three years and the outcome thereof;
(c) whether there has been no progress with regard to the said project; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(Prof. SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. The Government of India had dialogues with the Government of Nepal, through existing bilateral mechanisms on the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Sharda, Sapta Koshi High Dam Project and Sun Kosi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme in Nepal on river Kosi and Naumure Project on West Rapti River. There has been no further dialogue on Naumure project since June, 2013.
The progress of above projects and details of negotiations with the Government of Nepal are Annexed.

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Annexure
Details of the progress of the projects and negotiations with Government of Nepal

S. No.	River Project	Progress
1	Sharda Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project	In pursuance of the Article 10 of the Mahakali Treaty 1996, Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) has been set up for execution, operation and maintenance of Pancheshwar Project and started functioning in September 2014. Two meetings of the Governing Body (GB) of PDA have been held, so far, and PDA's Statute signed, administrative and financial matters including preparations of draft DPRs discussed. The works of finalisation of DPR of the Project has been entrusted to M/s WAPCOS Limited. The draft of the same is ready.
2	Koshi Sapta Koshi High Dam Project and Sun Koshi Storage-cum-Diversion Scheme	JPO-SKSKI is carrying out survey and investigation works including preparation of DPRs of these projects. Indo-Nepal Joint Team of Experts (JTE) monitors progress of these works. During last three years, two (13th & 14th) meetings of the JTE were held and progress was monitored and decisions required thereupon were taken for timely completion of DPRs. To accomplish the works and prepare DPRs, the tenure of JPO-SKSKI has been extended upto 28th February, 2017.
3	West Rapti Naumure	During discussions in 2008, 2010 and January, 2013, Nepalese side had reservations on some issues related to the project, due to which, MEA, in June 2013, conveyed to drop this project from further discussions.